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Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

AGENCY: Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

We are, however, requesting an emergency review of the information collection referenced below. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. This is necessary to ensure compliance with an initiative of the Administration. We are requesting an emergency review under 5 CFR Part 1320(a)(2)(i) because public harm is reasonably likely to result if the normal clearance procedures are followed. The approval of the data

collection tools for outcomes and operational metrics is essential to ensuring that State-based Marketplaces provide substantive operational and monitoring data to CMS in a uniform format from the beginning of the enrollment period, October 1, 2013. Without an emergency clearance process, systematic data collection would not begin until well into the open enrollment period, and states would have to delay critical steps to integrating this reporting into their information systems. Without consistent data, we will be limited in our ability to effectively track states' progress and identify problems during this crucial early implementation period.

1. Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a currently approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Cooperative Agreement to Support Establishment of State-Operated Health Insurance Exchanges; Use: All States (including the 50 States, consortia of States, Territories, and the District of Columbia herein referred to as States) that received a State Planning and Establishment Grant for Affordable Care Act's (ACA) Exchanges are eligible for the Cooperative Agreement to Support Establishment of State Operated Insurance Exchanges. Section 1311 of the Affordable Care Act offers the opportunity for each State to establish an Exchange [now referred to as Marketplace], and provides for grants to States for the planning and establishment of these Exchanges. Given the innovative nature of Exchanges and the statutorily-prescribed relationship between the Secretary and States in their development and operation, it is critical that the Secretary work closely with States to provide necessary guidance and technical assistance to ensure that States can meet the prescribed timelines, Federal requirements, and goals of the statute.

In order to provide appropriate and timely guidance and technical assistance, the

Secretary must have access to timely, periodic information regarding State progress. Consequently, the information collection associated with these grants is essential to facilitating reasonable and appropriate federal monitoring of funds, providing statutorily-mandated assistance to States to implement Exchanges in accordance with Federal requirements, and to ensure that States have all necessary information required to proceed, such that retrospective corrective action can be minimized.

The submitted revision adds lists and suggested data reporting formats for Outcomes and Operational Metrics to states' data collection requirements; we will use the resulting data to evaluate Marketplace performance and overall effectiveness of the ACA. Key areas of measurement are the effectiveness of eligibility determination and enrollment processes, impact on affordability for consumers, and the effect of Marketplace participation on health insurances markets. Furthermore, these metrics facilitate actionable feedback and technical assistance to States for quality improvement efforts during the critical early period of operations. This funding opportunity was first released on January 20, 2011. Form Number: CMS-10371(OCN: 0938-1121); Frequency: Occasionally; Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal governments; Number of Respondents: 40; Total Annual Responses: 1,475; Total Annual Hours: 64,695. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Christina Daw at 301-492-4181.)

We are requesting OMB review and approval of this collection by September 23, 2013, with a 180-day approval period. Written comments and recommendation will be considered from the public if received by the individuals designated below by the noted deadline below.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS's Web Site address at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995> or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

In commenting on the proposed information collections please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in one of the following ways by September 23, 2013:

1. Electronically. You may submit your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for "Comment or Submission" or "More Search Options" to find the information collection document(s) accepting comments.

2. By regular mail. You may mail written comments to the following address:
CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs
Division of Regulations Development
Attention: Document Identifier (CMS-10371)
Room C4-26-05
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

and,

OMB Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
Attention: CMS Desk Officer
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